

In the Claims:

1– 2. (Cancelled)

3. (Amended) A capsule and a chain link for the capsule wherein the capsule comprises an opening at an end thereof of a size corresponding with a protrusion on the end of the chain link and that the protrusion is a tubular portion having a hole therethrough.

4. (Original) The capsule and chain link of claim 3, wherein the capsule has a length of no more than about 15mm and a width of no more than about 8mm.

5. (Original) The capsule and chain link of claim 3, wherein the chain link extends from a base of the capsule.

6. (Amended) The capsule and chain link of claim 3, wherein the capsule is ~~generally~~ cylindrical.

7. (Amended) The capsule and chain link of claim 6, wherein the chain link extends ~~generally~~ radially outward from the capsule.

8. (Original) The capsule and chain link of claim 3, wherein the capsule comprises a sleeve which is provided with an internal chamber for holding a powder product within the capsule.

9. (Amended) The capsule and chain link of claim 8, wherein the sleeve comprises a first opening at a first end thereof and the opening is a second opening at an opposite second end of the sleeve.

10. (Amended) The capsule and chain link of claim 3 ~~8~~, wherein the internal chamber is a first chamber and the capsule comprises a flange portion which separates the first chamber from a second chamber, the second chamber being for connecting a chain link thereto.

11. (Amended) The capsule and chain link of claim ~~3~~ 8, wherein the capsule comprises a piston.

12. (Original) The capsule and chain link of claim 11, wherein the piston is adapted to extend within the sleeve from the first end thereof, through the first chamber and the flange portion, and into the second chamber.

13. (Amended) The capsule and chain link of claim 11, wherein the sleeve and the piston are adapted to be displaced between a discharging position or state in which both the first chamber of the capsule is open to an outside environment and a vent provided in a base of the first chamber is open for allowing powder product from within the first chamber to be sucked out of the first chamber through the first opening to the outside environment and a sealing state in which both the first chamber is sealed from the outside environment and the vent is closed.

14. (Amended) The capsule and chain link of claim 13, wherein the base of the first chamber is the flange portion and the vent is provided through the flange portion.

15. (Original) The capsule and chain link of claim 14, wherein, in the sealing state, the piston closes the vent to isolate the two chambers from each other.

16. (Amended) The capsule and chain link of claim 13, wherein the capsule can be placed into a third state in which the first chamber is open to the outside environment and there is a partial seal at the vent, the partial seal being gas pervious but powder product impervious.

17. (Amended) The capsule and chain link of claim ~~46~~ 12, wherein the piston has a circumferential array of longitudinal channels formed in a portion of the outer surface of the piston.

18-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Original) The capsule and chain link of claim 3, wherein the chain link is pivotally connected to the capsule at one end of the chain link.

21. (Original) The capsule and chain link of claim 3, wherein the chain link is integral with the capsule.

22. (Original) The capsule and chain link of claim 3, wherein the chain link is pivotally connectable to a capsule at both ends of the chain link.

23. (Amended) The capsule and chain link of claim 22, wherein the ~~chain link comprises two tubular portions~~ tubular portion is a first tubular portion and the chain link comprises a second tubular portion and the first and second tubular portions are provided at ends of a flange.

24. (Amended) The capsule and chain link of claim 23, wherein the ~~first tubular portion is of a first diameter and the second tubular portion is of a second diameter~~ portions are of different outer diameters.

25. (Original) The capsule and chain link of claim 24, wherein both tubular portions are hollow, the second tubular portion having an internal diameter corresponding generally to the outside diameter of the first tubular portion.

26. (Amended) The capsule and chain link of claim 25, wherein the second tubular portion has an outside diameter corresponding ~~generally~~ with the diameter of ~~in an end of the capsule~~ the opening.

27. (Amended) A plurality of capsules and chain links ~~of~~ according to claim 3, wherein the chain links are pivotally connected to the capsules to form chain linked capsules.

28-29. (Cancelled)